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SUBJ: IV GRANTEE-C. LINDSAY BOLDEN: PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

REFS: A) STATE 108467 B) BTN A-034 (5/6/74)

1. AS DESCRIBED REF (B), BOLDEN'S MAIN INTERESTS ARE IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD AND HE WOULD PROFIT FROM BROADER EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN LIFE. BOLDEN'S OWN PREFERENCES INCLUDE OBSERVATIONS AND SITE VISITS TO SHEEP RANCH, FISH FARMING FACILITY, POULTRY GROWING AND PROCESSING FACILITY, ENTIRE VEGETABLE OPERATION FROM PRODUCTION OF SEEDS TO GROWING, PROCESSING AND MARKETING. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SIMILARLY OBSERVE MUSHROOM INDUSTRY FROM INITIAL PLANTING TO FINAL PROCESSING PARTICULARLY UNDER ARTIFICIAL CONDITIONS ON YEAR-ROUND BASIS. BOLDEN EXPRESSES INTEREST IN OBSERVING VEGETABLE AND FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CALIFORNIA, AGAIN WISHING TO VIEW ENTIRE PRODUCTION PROCESS FROM BEGINNING TO END. IN ADDITION BOLDEN WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW OPERATION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF SMALLER AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND TO OBSERVE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS. IF POSSIBLE, BOLDEN WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH PROFESSOR L.H. BOYD OF MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN CORRESPONDENCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS REGARDING SHEEP RAISING. PROFESSOR BOYD APPARENTLY HAS BRED A SPECIAL VARIETY OF SHEEP THAT BOLDEN WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE INTO THE WEST INDIES. BOLDEN ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

2. POST AGREES THAT AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM INCLUDING AS MANY OF ABOVE REQUESTS AS POSSIBLE WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR BOLDEN

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IN HIS CAPACITY AS "SHADOW" MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. IN

ADDITION, FOLLOWING VISITS/ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE:
USDA EXPERIMENTAL FARM, BELTSVILLE, MD.;
USDA/DEPT STATE/US CONGRESS-DISCUSSION WITH THOSE KNOWLEDGEABLE
IN SUGAR FIELD;
ARTHUR LEE QUINN-LONGTIME ATTORNEY AND LOBBYIST FOR WEST
INDIES SUGAR ASSOCIATION. BRIEF DISCUSSION RE SUGAR WOULD BE
USEFUL FOR BOLDEN;
WASHINGTON TOURIST ATTRACTIONS;
TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN AREAS VISITED (RURAL AND URBAN);
LARGE RETAIL/WHOLESALE FOOD OUTLETS (VARIOUS LOCATIONS);
STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES;
LARGE UNIVERSITIES IN AREAS VISITED.

3. POST COMMENT: IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO EXPOSE BOLDEN TO
THE FREE MARKET PROCESSES OF U.S. AGRICULTURE. BARBADOS AND
SOME OTHER CARIBBEAN ISLANDS HAVE INSTITUTED COMPLEX PRICE
CONTROL SYSTEMS THAT HAVE OFTEN DISRUPTED SUPPLIER AND
CONSUMER. IT WOULD ALSO BE NUL#FOR HIM TO HAVE SOME EXPOSURE
TO ROLES OF EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF U.S.
GOVERNMENT IN FORMULATING AGRICULTURAL POLICIES. WOULD
RECOMMEND AS MUCH SIGHTSEEING AS POSSIBLE IN AREAS VISITED
OFFERING WIDE EXPOSURE TO TYPICAL U.S. CITIES, TOWNS AND RURAL
AREAS AND PEOPLE. BOLDEN SEEMS TO BE REASONABLY OUTGOING TYPE
WHO WOULD ENJOY HOME HOSPITALITY. SINCE HE HAS EXPRESSED AN
INTEREST IN RAZZ, POSSIBLY ANY ENTERTAINMENT MIGHT GO IN
THIS DIRECTION.

4. BOLDEN INTENDS TO DEPART BARBADOS SEPT 5 OR 6. WILL CABLE
EXACT DEPARTURE TIMES WITH FLIGHT NUMBERS WHEN KNOWN.
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